

# Senate Resolution 116 - Introduced

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

### BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Dick L. Dearden for his  
2 years of service in the Senate.

3 WHEREAS, Dick Dearden was born and raised, and  
4 resides with his wife Sharon in Des Moines; and

5 WHEREAS, Dick Dearden was first elected to the  
6 Senate in 1994 and has served in the Senate for over  
7 two decades representing the northeast part of Des  
8 Moines and Pleasant Hill; and

9 WHEREAS, over these many years, Senator Dearden  
10 served on a variety of legislative committees,  
11 including the Natural Resources and Environment  
12 (Chair), Business and Labor (Chair), Ethics (Vice  
13 chair), Labor and Business Relations (Vice chair),  
14 Rules and Administration, Human Resources, Local  
15 Government, Appropriations, State Government, and  
16 Transportation standing committees, and the Agriculture  
17 and Natural Resources (Vice chair), Health and Human  
18 Rights, and Transportation, Infrastructure, and  
19 Capitals appropriations subcommittees; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Dearden has long been a champion  
21 for the working people and families of Iowa and has  
22 been a leader in efforts to rebuild the middle class  
23 in this state as the co-sponsor of a bill to raise the  
24 minimum wage; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Dearden is an avid hunter and  
26 fisher and is a member of the Izaak Walton League,  
27 Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, and the National  
28 Wild Turkey Federation; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Dearden has been a strong  
2 and consistent advocate for the development and  
3 preservation of the natural resources of the state of  
4 Iowa for over 20 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Dearden has worked with diverse  
6 stakeholders to establish a vision of the future  
7 for natural resources and outdoor recreation in this  
8 state; and

9 WHEREAS, in retirement Senator Dearden will  
10 have more time to enjoy hunting on properties with  
11 improved public access and fishing in high-quality  
12 streams across the state, many of which he has been  
13 instrumental in developing and preserving; NOW  
14 THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors  
16 and thanks Senator Dick L. Dearden for his decades of  
17 service in the Senate, and wishes him and his family  
18 all the best in the years to come.